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Foreword

IN accord with what is now an established tradition of the New York Heart Association, this annual conference is designed to focus the attention of the health professions and of the community on a current development in medicine that promises to have a significant impact on the health of the people and the kinds of health services they will require. It would be difficult to find a topic that better fulfills these requirements than the one selected for this year, *Automated Multiphasic Health Screening*.

In automated multiphasic health screening, concepts that had been derogated in such terms as "ritual examinations" and "assembly-line medicine" have become enveloped in the glamor and mystique of machines, electronic hardware, and the computer. Small wonder, then, that the idea has captured the imagination of the feature writer, the novelist, the politician, the gadgeteer, and other such dreamers.

From a more practical viewpoint, however, it represents challenging opportunities for preventive medicine, for the development of new systems for providing needed health services, for the provision of modern health care to masses of people who are presently deprived or at best underprivileged in this regard, and for the development of new categories of health personnel which not only provide career opportunities but allow more efficient utilization of the health professions.

For this meeting we have assembled from all over the country and from Canada an outstanding roster of experts, each with a unique experience to describe to us. We have included visionaries and pragmatists, enthusiasts and critics, in the hope of providing a balanced view of the present status and of the potential of this exciting new development. The papers that follow amply demonstrate the excellence with which the contributors have fulfilled their assignments. Not discernible, however, is the skill and energy of Florence I. Mosher, director, Community Services and Education, and the staff of the New York Heart Association, whose notable contribution to the success of the conference is gratefully acknowledged.

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